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25X1	1. On 25 November CIA ELINT Staff Officer, stated that the CIA ELINT Committee had ordered the formation of a subcommittee for ELINT training for the purpose of developing an ELINT training program to improve the technical capability of personnel in all phases of ELINT activities. C/PPS attended as	·
25X1	an observer for the Office of Training. CIA ELINT Officer, opened the meeting and stated that the ELINT collection program had exceeded expectations in production. There was now on hand a large backlog of material which required analysis which would result in the dissemination of intelligence reports. I stated that CIA must improve its capability in not only the technical field, but also the analysis and reporting fields. He stated that there is an immediate CIA need for twenty-five ELINT trained officers and for this reason the Agency committee established the training subcommittee for the purpose of studying and preparing a training program. Heretofore all training had been accomplished through on-the-job training, external training in industry and universities, and external training with the Armed Forces at NSA and in the Air Force. There has been a limited amount of internal full-time training, and much of this was considered to be on-the-job training.	25X1
25X1	then left the meeting and took the chair. He introduced a paper dated 25 November 1958 which cited four types of ELINT training: (a) signal intercept, (b) signal analysis, (c) over-all operational techniques, and (d) general briefing for administrators. This paper listed the items to be considered in planning an ELINT training program:	25X1
	(a) Assistance from the Office of Training (b) Cost and Budget (c) Equipment and Facilities Required (d) Time Available for Training (e) Career Service in ELINT - Rotation Document No. NO CHANGE in Class.	
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- (f) Use of Motion Picture Training Films
- (g) Specific Job Requirements
- (h) Lead Time
- (i) Instructors and Course Outlines
- (j) Future requirements of ELINT

3. The over-all objectives of the training program are not covered. For example, the total number of personnel to be trained was not known, nor were the types of ELINT activity for training purposes enumerated.
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4. The first meeting of the ELINT subcommittee seemed to consist of introductory activities and exploratory probing. The Office of Communications was represented and it appears that their personnel, having had some of the technical and engineering training and experience, were most active in some of the more important ELINT operations now in being.

5. It has been recommended to, and approved by, the Director of
Training that, in view of the complexities of ELINT activities and
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our lack of knowledge in general of the ELINT program,
ELINT Staff Officer, be requested to prepare and conduct a
briefing for the DTR, DDTR, C/PPS, and C/OS. The most favorable
time, in terms of workload and availability, would appear to be the
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week of 15 December. It is hoped that a suitable time can be set
aside by all concerned for this briefing.
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